

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

Summary of the Response

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application. Claims 8-10 are allowed. In this response, claim 1 is amended, claims 11-20 cancelled, and no claim added. Thus, claims 1-10 are now pending.

Matters of Form

Applicants appreciate the notification from the Examiner that a translation of the foreign priority papers have not been made of record in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.55. Applicants will consider filing a translation if or when the Examiner rejects the claims using a reference found with an effective date between the date of the foreign filing and the date of filing in the United States. At this time, no such reference has been relied on, so there is no reason for Applicants to perfect the foreign priority by providing a translation.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate that the Examiner has allowed claims 8-10.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement on the grounds set forth at page 2 of the Official Action. The Examiner alleges that the specification did not describe “with no identifier whose location is accurately known” in a way that would have enabled one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Applicants amended claim 1 to delete “whose location is accurately known.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over International Publication No. WO 01/69041 A1 to Hakkinen (hereinafter “*Hakkinen*”) in view of the published article “Mobile robots evolving in industrial applications” to Lehtinen et al. (hereinafter “*Lehtinen*”) on the grounds set forth at page 3 of the Official Action. Claims 11-20 are cancelled. Therefore, the rejection is moot.

CONCLUSION

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number indicated below.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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